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The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Cottbus airfield between 5 and 20 August 1954:

5 August. Throughout the day, Yak-18s practiced flying in formations of two and four at altitudes of 600 to 700 meters. Each flight lasted 15 to 20 minutes. The aircraft took off and landed individually. The weather was 3/10 overcast.

6 August. During the morning, Yak-11s made aerobatics, which included loops, turns and rolls, at altitudes between 1,000 and 1,500 meters.

7 to 10 August. There was no flying.

11 August. Between 0600 and 1200, Yak-11s made individual local flights of 8 to 10 minutes duration at altitudes of 300 to 400 meters. The weather was 3/10 overcast; at 1200 rain set in.

12 August. Yak-18s practiced intensive flying including local aerobatics with loops, turns, rolls and recoveries. There was a 6/10 to 7/10 overcast.

13 and 14 August. No flying was observed.

16 and 17 August. Yak-18s made flights in formations of three and four with distances of about 50 meters between the aircraft. These aircraft took off and landed individually.

18 and 20 August. Yak-18s and Yak-11s alternately made individual local flights. Flying in formations of two and four aircraft in close order was practiced. The distance was about one aircraft width to the side and an aircraft length to behind.

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Comment. Air activity conducted by the Aeroclub Cottbus was normal. Formation flights observed on 18 and 20 August, show an improvement of the status of training.

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